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said fresh plant or an edible part of said fresh plant before or after slicing or disrupting said fresh plant or said edible part, or during boiling said fresh plant or said edible plant, said inhibitory agent having an active-oxygen-eliminating activity comprising an effective amount of trehalose and optionally at least one member selected from the group consisting of pullulan and cyclodextrin, and containing at least about 20 w/w% trehalose on a dry solid basis.

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

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33. (Amended) A method for inhibiting the decrease of naturally occurring active-oxygen-eliminating activity in a fresh plant wherein the decrease in said activity is associated with slicing, disruption, or boiling of said fresh plant or an edible part of said fresh plant, or when an edible part of the fresh plant is disrupted, which comprises a step of

homogeneously incorporating, in an aqueous system, at least 1% of an inhibitory agent based on said fresh plant or said edible part on a dry solid basis before or after slicing or disrupting said fresh plant or said edible part, or during boiling said fresh plant or edible part, said inhibitory agent having an oxygen-eliminating activity, comprising an effective amount of

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